The State Governments have been advised to take action at their level on specific complaints.

As per the avilable information, during the year 2006, five cases of black-marketing of wheat were reported by the State Governments and six persons involved in these black-marketing cases have been ordered for detention under the Prevention of Black-Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980. In addition, during 2006-07, 106 persons were arrested/prosecuted/convicted under PDS (Control) order, 2001 by the State Governments/Union Territory Administration and 2634 Fair Price Shops licences were suspended/cancelled/show cause notices issued to the Fair Prices Shops for various offences committed in the functioning of the TPDS. State Governments have also been advised to use the provisions of Right to Information (RTI) to improve transparency and efficiency in the TPDS.

Survey regarding consumption of per capita food served in trains

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SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made about consumption of per capita food material being provided in Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express trains;

(b) if so, the percentage of people who consume food material compętely;

(c) the quantity of leftover or unutilized food material per day; and

(d) if no such survey has been conducted whether Government would conduct the same and review the situation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

(d) At present, there is no proposal to conduct any such survey.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.